

Shellfish Department January 2017 Monthly Report

Mid December through early January the shellfishing in the harbor has been low. With the cold weather and the markets not buying many oysters the flats see only a few commercial shellfishermen fishing the tide. A few fishermen have switched over to harvesting quahogs throughout the harbor. The weekends bring more of the recreational shellfishermen to Chipman's cove and Indian Neck. There are more boats fishing the harbor within the last few weeks. Most boats are fishing for blood arc clams. There were a few days of closed fishing due to cold weather. There were no incidents to report this month. We are happy to see that the grant holders are cleaning off their beds for possible winter harbor ice. The agreement gear form for overwintered racks was sent in the mail along with a grant worker form.

Commercial catches inspected: 115

Recreational catches inspected: 70

Respectfully submitted,

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